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USS PARCHE (SSN 683)  
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From: Commanding Officer, USS PARCHE (SSN 683)  
To: Director of Naval History (N09BH), 805 Kidder Breese St  
SE, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5060

Subj: USS PARCHE (SSN 683) 2002 COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

Encl: (1) Command History  
(2) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet and Picture  
(3) 3 ½ Floppy Disk

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. A. Richard", is positioned above the printed name.

C. A. RICHARD

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## COMMAND HISTORY

### 1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission. USS PARCHE (SSN 683) consists of two Unit Identification Codes (UICs 20345 and 44901) and is employed in research, development, test and evaluation of advanced submarine ocean engineering equipment including sonar, navigation, position keeping and rescue systems.

b. Organizational Structure. USS PARCHE is assigned to Commander, Submarine Development Squadron 5, San Diego, CA, and is commanded by Commander Charles A. Richard. PARCHE is homeported in Bangor, WA.

2. Chronology. USS PARCHE (SSN 683) conducted at-sea operations as a unit of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

3. Narrative. Significant events of 2002:

a. December 2002. PARCHE was awarded the following 2002 Commander, Submarine Development Squadron 5 Awards: Battle Efficiency "E", Tactical Operations White "T", Navigation Red and Green "N", Communications "C", Damage Control Red "DC", Medical "M" Yellow and the Deck Seamanship White "D".



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2. Chronology. USS PARCHE (SSN 683) conducted at-sea operations as a unit of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

3. Narrative. Significant events of 2003:

a. December 2003. PARCHE was awarded the following 2003 Commander, Submarine Development Squadron 5 Awards: Awarded Battle "E", Tactical "T", Communications "C", Damage Control "DC", Medical "M", Navigation "N" Engineering "E", Supply "E", Deck Seamanship "D", Navy Unit Commendation.



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From: Commanding Officer, USS PARCHE (SSN 683)  
To: Director, Naval Historical Center, 805 Kidder Breese SE,  
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5059

Subj: USS PARCHE (SSN 683) 2004 COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12H

Encl: (1) Command History  
(2) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet and Picture  
(3) Decommissioning and Change of Command Ceremony  
Pamphlet  
(4) White House Letter of 04OCT04

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## COMMAND HISTORY

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b. Organizational Structure. USS PARCHE is assigned to Commander, Submarine Group 9, Bangor, WA, and is commanded by Commander William A. Guerrero. Commander Guerrero relieved Captain Charles A. Richard on October 19, 2004. PARCHE is homeported in Bremerton, WA.

2. Chronology. USS PARCHE (SSN 683) conducted at-sea operations as a unit of the U.S. Pacific Fleet from January 2004 to October 2004. USS PARCHE (SSN 683) is currently decommissioned and is currently in dry-dock at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wa.

### 3. Narrative. Significant events of 2004:

a. October 2004. PARCHE was decommissioned and had a Change of Command. Nine of ten former PARCHE Commanding Officers were in attendance for this historical event. COMSUBPAC Admiral P. F. Sullivan delivered the key not address, which included reading a letter from President George W. Bush. PARCHE was awarded her Ninth Presidential Unit Citation after a highly successful deployment, the last of PARCHE's 30 year history.

b. December 2004. PARCHE was awarded the following 2004 Commander, Submarine Development Squadron 5 Awards: Awarded Sixteenth Battle "E", Ninth Tactical "T", Eighth Communications "C", Tenth Damage Control "DC", Ninth Medical "M", Eleventh Navigation "N", Eighth Engineering "E", Eighth Supply "E", Seventh Deck Seamanship "D", Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 4, 2004

I send greetings to those gathered for the decommissioning of the USS PARCHE (SSN 683).

The PARCHE is the second United States vessel to bear the name of the French butterfly fish known for its remarkable navigational abilities. Like her famous World War II era namesake, the PARCHE has earned an honored place in our Nation's maritime history. From the Cold War to the ongoing global war on terrorism, the PARCHE's achievements and resourcefulness have helped ensure our country's security and earned it the distinction of our Navy's most decorated submarine. The many crewmembers who have served aboard the PARCHE can take great pride in their contributions to our Navy and our Nation.

As the PARCHE lowers her colors after more than 30 years of faithful service, I salute her current officers and crew for their hard work and commitment to excellence. We remember all those who have served with courage, honor, and dedication aboard this fine submarine through the years, and we also recognize the veterans of your predecessor, the USS PARCHE (SS 384) as you gather for your reunion. Decommissioning may be the end of a vessel's service, but the pride and tradition of service to America remain in the hearts of the crewmembers and friends of the PARCHE forever.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes on this special occasion. May God bless you, and may God continue to bless America.

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